



**WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

**Minutes**

**1. OPENING THE MEETING**

- A. Call to Order – **Eric** called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
- B. Roll Call – All present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. **Child Abuse Awareness Month Request** – **Kassie Frazier** – Director of Silvia's Child Advocacy Center – Founded about 6 years ago to help prevent child abuse. April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month. **Eric** said he would love to have that banner at town hall, **Clinton** and **Kevin** echoed those remarks. **Susan m/m to have the banner displayed at Town Hall, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved.** The council thanked **Kassie** for her work.
- B. **WMPD Badge Pinning Ceremony** – WMPD Chief Dennis Anderson  
Melissa Trump – New Officer – Joined on 01/27/2017  
Joel Parks – New Office – Joined on 01/11/2017  
Scott Klinger – New Officer – Joined on 01/11/2017  
Timothy Zach Thomas – New Officer – Joined on 02/06/2017  
Jacob King – Promoted to rank of Sergeant on 01/15/2017  
Kevin Allen – Promoted to rank of Sergeant on 01/15/2017  
Ben Rutledge – Promoted to rank of Sergeant on 01/15/2017  
Ryan Batts – Promoted to the rank of Sergeant on 01/15/2017
- C. **WFD Badge Pinning Ceremony** – WFD Chief Josh Westrich  
Greg Lanham – Joined as a Full-Time Employee  
Clinton Crafton – Joined as a Full-Time Employee

**3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT**

- A. **Town Management Report (1/31/17) | WMU Management Report (1/31/17) \*\***

**Amendments to the Agenda** – **Susan m/m to amend move item F up to 6C, asked to table 7 - A and 8 - H Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved.**

- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Town Administration, Building, DPW (Water Monitoring), Planning and Community Development, Parks, Police (Stats, Report) Fire \*\* - Nathan** spoke about the possibility of getting a synthetic ice rink to come to the Whitestown Municipal Complex. It is about the size of a basketball court. **Jeff** asked how soon a deposit would need to be put down. **Nathan** said approximately a month in advance. **Jeff** asked who sets it up, **Nathan** said they set it up and tear it down. **Eric** asked who would supply the skates. **Nathan** said you could bring your own, or rent from them. **Kevin** asked about who gets the revenues from the skate rentals, **Nathan** said the Town could get the revenues, it is negotiable. Discussion ensued. **Eric** asked if other municipalities does it, and **Nathan** said there are, but there are a lot of groups who rent this equipment, and some even do it for a “Winter in July”. **Eric** expressed interest in trying it for one week, **Clinton** agreed. **Kevin m/m to approve Dax and Nathan to research the ice rink, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, Susan said to adjust hours if we rent it during a week where kids are in school; 5-0 approved.**  
**Nathan** said the landscaping for the Big 4 Trail will be going out to bid.
- 5. PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK** (Topics Not Related To An Agenda Item) – No requests to speak.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 1/11/2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.\*\***
  - B. Claims January 2017 Expenses Town | January 2017 Revenues Town | January 2017 Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating) \*\* Susan m/m to approve the minutes and claims, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved.**
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Consider an Ordinance Concerning Trees and Vegetation (*Ordinance 2017-02, Second Read*) – tabled**
  - B. Consider an Ordinance Restructuring the Whitestown Parks Board (*Ordinance 2017-03, Second Read*) – Nathan** said that the town council would be the parks authority. There will be the same responsibilities and rights as a Parks Board. Discussion ensued. **Clinton did the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Ordinance, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved.**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Public Hearing – Additional Appropriation #1 (*Ordinance 2017-04*) – Eric** opened the public hearing. **Susan m/m to close the public hearing, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved. Clinton did the first read. Susan m/m to suspend rules and have 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved. Clinton did 2<sup>nd</sup> read. Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 adopted.**
  - B. Consider an Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation (2017 AA #1) (*Ordinance 2017-04, First Read*) – Clinton** did the first reading of the ordinance. **Susan m/m to suspend the rules for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0; rules are suspended. Clinton did 2<sup>nd</sup> read. Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0; adopted.**

- C. **Consider an Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges for the Use of Services Rendered by the Sewage Works System of the Town of Whitestown (*Ordinance 2017-05, First Read*)** – Susan did the first read. Dax explained that this is not a raising of current customers' rates. The SRF requires us to do more rate studies than we would normally do. Adjustments will be made to the cost of metering. It is also the creation of an extra territorial area. Any new construction would pay an additional rate compared to those who live within town limits.
- D. **Consider an Ordinance Amending and Restating the Rates and Charges for the for the Use of and Services Rendered by the Waterworks System of the Town of Whitestown (*Ordinance 2017-06, First Read*)** – Susan did first read. Dax said this is basically a correction which should have happened long ago.
- E. **Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2014-25, Concerning Rental Registration and Inspection Program (*Ordinance 2017-07, First Read*)** – Clinton did first read. Dax said the authority would be the Plan department, but would move the authority to the Building department. Susan m/m to suspend rules to have 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved. Clinton did 2<sup>nd</sup> read, Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 adopted.
- F. **Consider a Resolution Encouraging the Indiana General Assembly to Enact Legislation Protecting Property of Public Safety Officials (*Town Council Resolution 2017-02*)** – Eric said this idea came to him after the vandalism to our Whitestown Municipal Police Department vehicles and homes, and he wanted to see if there were harsher penalties for people who commit acts which target Public Safety Officials. Eric said attacking people who protect our residents is unacceptable to him. Susan did the first reading of the Resolution. Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eric asked Chief Anderson to come forward and talk about the Resolution. Chief thanked the Council and said he agreed with them about needing stricter penalties against these kinds of crimes. Kevin asked about the moral of the WMPD, Chief said it is generally good, and they have talked about it and have increased patrols around the homes of officers in the Town of Whitestown. Dax said he has talked about installing security cameras at the homes of our officers. He also wanted to thank the public for all they have done with calling in and giving information to help with this investigation. Eric said maybe the Police Board could make a recommendation on the cameras. Eric thinks it is a good idea. Susan commended Eric for bringing this to the Council this evening. She said their homes are their sanctuaries, and they should have to endure this. Clinton, Jeff, and Kevin echoed Eric and Susan's statements. 5-0 adopted.
- G. **Consider a Resolution Adopting A Staff Wellness Incentive Program (*Resolution 2017-03*)** – Dax said for \$4,860 Hecker's will provide a 12 week program to all town employees. Employees who complete the program will get \$200 into their H.S.A. this includes a tobacco free program. Clinton thinks this is a great idea. Clinton read the resolution. Clinton m/m to adopt, Eric 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eric thanked Dax for bringing this in front of the Council, 5-0 adopted.

**H. Consider Approval an EDA with MT Properties LLC (Moontown Brewery) - tabled**

**I. Consider Approval of a Contract for Engineering Services (Whitestown Parkway Beautification Project) - Dax** said it would cost anywhere between \$125,000 and \$200,000. **Susan m/m to authorize Dax to execute the DLZ contract for the project not to exceed \$78,000. Jeff** said this came in a lot higher than it did last year when it was approved. **Dax** said the cost increased because it was a minimal amount last year, and this is going to be a much more grand scale project, and we have more money to spend on this than we would have last year. **Kevin** asked if there will be a few options to choose from, **Dax** said there would be. **5-0 adopted.**

**J. Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Clinton m/m to appoint Quincy Cunningham to the Fire Board, Eric 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved.**

**Youth Council appoint – Susan m/m to appoint Eli Moore – Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved.**

**Veterans Committee – Non-voting member who is a Whitestown employee and a veteran or currently in the armed services, Eric m/m to appoint John Mutnansky, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-0 approved.**

**10. OTHER BUSINESS – Youth Council** will meet again this month. **Dax** said there is a list of capital items to be approved. The 1782 notice was re-submitted today. There are minimal cuts to the budget in some areas, but several other areas have decent amounts taken out, but not too substantial.

**11. ADJOURN - Susan m/m to adjourn Clinton 2nd, 5-0; adjourned at 8:25pm**

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on February 8, 2017 are approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 by the following Town Council Members:

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Eric Miller, President

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Susan Austin

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Clinton Bohm

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Jeff Wishek

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Kevin Russell

Attest:

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Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer